

Livingston Parish



"Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community"

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

| | Livingston | Louisiana | U.S. | HP 2010 |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| ECONOMICS, 2000 | | | | |
| % All persons in poverty | 11.4% | 19.6% | 12.4% | -- |
| % Children under 18 in poverty | 12.0% | 26.6% | 16.6% | -- |
| % Unemployed 16 and over | 4.8% | 7.3% | 5.8% | -- |
| EDUCATION 2002-2003 | | | | |
| School Expenditure per Student | \$5,654 | \$6,906 | -- | -- |
| Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled) | 93.9% | 93.5% | -- | -- |
| % High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade) | 1.2% | 7.0% | -- | -- |
| MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002 | | | | |
| Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births) | 7.4 | 10.2 | 7.0 | 4.5 |
| % Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months | 87.9% | 83.8% | 83.7% | 90.0% |
| % Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner) | 86.2% | 78.9% | 76.2% | -- |
| % Low birth weight | 8.1% | 10.5% | 7.7% | 5.0% |
| % Births to teens ages 15 - 19 | 12.3% | 15.5% | 10.6% | -- |
| % Children fully immunized by 2 years old | -- | 69.8% | 78.5% | 90.0% |
| INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population) | | | | |
| Syphilis (primary and secondary) | -- | 4.1 | 2.5 | 0.2 |
| Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent) | 7.6 | 8.6 | 5.4 | -- |
| Chlamydia | 169.9 | 469.8 | 304.3 | 3.0 |
| Gonorrhea | 70.8 | 265.6 | 116.2 | 19.0 |
| Tuberculosis | 1.1* | 5.8 | 5.1 | 1.0 |
| STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population) | | | | |
| Heart | 195.9 | 248.4 | 241.7 | 166.0 |
| Cancer | 157.3 | 209.7 | 193.2 | 159.9 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 55.2 | 57.4 | 56.4 | 48.0 |
| Accidents | 59.4 | 46.7 | 37.0 | 17.5 |
| Diabetes | ** | 39.5 | 25.4 | 45.0 |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory | 43.8 | 37.8 | 43.3 | -- |
| COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003 | | | | |
| Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population) | 32.1 | 10.9 | 12.4 | 10.3 |
| Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled) | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004 | | | | |
| | Region 9 | Louisiana | U.S. | HP 2010 |
| % Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+) | 26.9% | 23.5% | 21.0% | 12.0% |
| % Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+) | 25.2% | 27.0% | 31.1% | 15.0% |
| % Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+) | 72.8% | 74.3% | 74.6% | 70.0% |
| % Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+) | 82.4% | 85.2% | 85.9% | 90.0% |
| % Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+) | 59.6% | 68.6% | 67.9% | 90.0% |

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Livingston, one of the Florida Parishes, named after Edward Livingston, who formulated Louisiana's code of law, was created in 1832 from a part of St. Helena Parish. It is one of the earliest settled parishes of the state, as both French and Spanish colonists settled there in the early 1700s. In 1778 families from the Canary Island settled on the Amite River.



Located in the southeastern part of the state in the Florida Parishes, Livingston Parish is unique in several ways. North of Highway 190 the population is predominantly Anglo-Saxon Protestant, while south of Highway 190 you will find the French-Catholic population. The Free State of Livingston, established in 1832, was so named because of a philosophy of independence and self-reliance. The parish was built by a humble class of proud people. See the folk housing, low-land homes, largest Hungarian settlement in the state, grazing buffalo and deer. Livingston Parish offers tall willowy pines, lazy rivers, bayous, swamp tours, an antique village, bird-watching and much more.

Parish Seat³ Livingston

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Denham Springs

Parish Population⁴

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| 2000..... | 91,814 |
| 2003 (estimate) | 102,046 |
| 2000 Population by Race | |
| White..... | 94.3% |
| African-American | 4.2% |
| Some other race..... | 1.4% |
| Hispanic of Latino (of any race) | 1.1% |
| 2000 Population by Age | |
| Under 5 years | 7.5% |
| 5-14 | 16.6% |
| 15-17 | 5.3% |
| 18-19 | 2.9% |
| 20-24 | 6.2% |
| 25-64 | 52.9% |
| 65 & over | 8.5% |

Geography and Statistics⁵

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| Average elevation | 40ft. |
| Land area in square miles | 648 |
| Water area in square miles | 54.8 |

Climate

Average temperatures

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| Annual | 67° |
| January | 59° |
| July | 92° |
| Annual average rainfall | 65 inches |

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Livingston Parish

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| Civilian..... | 47,643 |
| Employed | 44,250 |
| Unemployed..... | 3,393 |
| Unemployment..... | 7.1% |

Louisiana

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Civilian..... | 2,055,000 |
| Employed | 1,956,500 |
| Unemployed..... | 98,500 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8% |

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Baton Rouge
- Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge
- Southeastern Louisiana University

1. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
2. Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information
<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary
<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.